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1. EMBASSY OFFICER RAISED PARAGRAPH THREE OF REFTEL WITH
MARTIN REID, HEAD OF FCO CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA DE-
PARTMENT. REID KNEW OF PRESS RELEASE IN JUNE BY BRITISH
ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT CONCERNING ALLEGED NATO INVOLVE-
MENT IN SOUTH AFRICAN ADVOKAAT PROJECT, BUT WAS NOT A-
WARE THAT MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED BY JENNIFER DAVIS IN
TESTIMONY BEFORE SFRC. REID SAID ANTI-APARTHEID ANNOUNCE-
MENT CREATED A PUBLICITY STIR HERE TWO MONTHS AGO, PAR-
TICULARLY IN THE GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER. TOPIC FADED AWAY,
HOWEVER, AFTER NATO SPOKESMAN IN BRUSSELS ISSUED PRESS
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RELEASE JUNE 10 EXPLAINING "NATO CODIFICATION SYSTEM."

REID GAVE EMBASSY OFFICER COPY OF NATO RELEASE QUOTED BELOW.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: PROJECT ADVOKAAT IS A PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BY A GERMAN COMPANY FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS NO CONNECTION WITH NATO AT ALL. AS IS THE CASE FOR MANY INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS STOCK NUMBERS FOR COMPONENTS ARE ASSIGNED ON THE BASIS OF THE SO-CALLED NATO CODIFICATION SYSTEM WHICH IS USED NOT ONLY BY NATO NATIONS FOR MILITARY AND CIVIL PROJECTS BUT ALSO BY A NUMBER OF NON-NATO COUNTRIES. THIS CODIFICATION SYSTEM IS AN ENTIRELY OPEN AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING METHOD. THERE IS NO MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE IN ITS USE OUTSIDE NATO. END QUOTE.

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